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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

## (INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket I	Attorney Docket No.:1075.1168				
irst Named	Kenji KOGURE						
application No.	09/892,857	Group Art Unit	3626				
iling Date	June 28, 2001	Examiner	Natalie Pass				
PA Filing Date		Confirmation No					
itle of Invention	AUTOMATED CONTRACT ENGAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH AUTOMATED CONTRACT ENGAGING PROGRAM IS RECORDED						
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.							
1.							
Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)  a.  Previously submitted i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 28, 2008  (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii.  Other  b.  Enclosed i.  Amendment/Reply ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv.  Other							
Viscellaneous							
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  b. Other							
iv.	iction on the above-identified a	oplication is requested under 37 exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.	C.F.R. §103(c) for a perion R. §1.17(i) required).				

		BAS	IC FEE	\$	810.00		
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>May 27, 2008</u> ,							
petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this							
RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2							
months (\$460)); (3 months (\$1,050)); (4 months (\$1,640)); (5 months							
(\$2,230):							
Suspension Fe		040.00					
Total of above Calculations =  Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$	810.00		
Reduction by 50% to	\$	040.00					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					810.00		
4. Small entity status:							
a. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.							
b. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such							
status is still proper and desired. c. is no longer claimed.							
c. [_] is no longer claimed. 5. [_] Other:							
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6. METHOD OF PAYMENT							
A check in the amount of \$810.00 is enclosed.							
Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is							
enclosed.)							
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION							
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit							
hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:							
Deposit Account No. 19-3935.							
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS							
STAAS & HALSEY LLP							
21171							
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE							
9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED							
NAME	Sheetal S. Patel		REGISTRATION	ON NO.	59,326		
SIGNATURE	Dalo		DATE	May 27,	2008		